

Indiana State Library Library Development Office

Library Developments

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STATE LIBRARY ANNOUNCES 2008 LSTA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The State Library will offer three FY2008 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) competitive grant programs for Indiana's libraries. Continuing from last year are the LSTA Technology Grants and the LSTA Indiana Memory Digitization Grants. New for 2008 is the LSTA Innovative Library Project Grants. All types of libraries (academic, public, school, or special) may apply for these grants. Partnership and cooperative projects are especially encouraged.

The LSTA Technology Grant Program is designed to assist libraries in integrating new technologies to better serve their communities. Grant funds may be used to acquire technology hardware and software; training for participating staff and volunteers; and project staff.

The focus of the LSTA Indiana Memory Digitization Grant Program is to assist Indiana libraries and their partnering organizations in digitizing unique historical materials. Grant recipients are required to follow the established guidelines for the Indiana Memory Program for image creation and metadata creation. Grant funds may be used for training, equipment, project staff or the services of an outside vendor. The grantee and eligible libraries will also receive access to CONTENTdm digital collection management software at no cost.

The Indiana State Library will also fund innovative library

technology projects with the potential for statewide impact through the LSTA Innovative Library Project Grants. This grant program is designed to provide new funds for those libraries that would like to develop and pilot cutting-edge technology.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides funds to each state using a population-based formula under the provisions of the LSTA. The Indiana State Library uses this appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services and to support a series of competitive grants to public, academic, research, school, and special libraries.

All competitive grant opportunities are available on a yearly cycle. The grant year will run from April 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009. ***Grant applications and guidelines for each of the grant programs will be posted on the Indiana State Library website in early January 2008.***

New for 2008, all applicants will be required to use the standard LSTA grant application form. Instructions are included in the Grant Program guidelines. Each set of guidelines is specific to the individual grant program.

LDO staff are available to assist applicants through the grant writing process. Please contact Connie Rendfeld, LSTA Consultant, by calling 317-232-3694, 800-451-6028, or e-mail crendfeld@library.IN.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING ECRR ROUNDTABLES

The statewide Every Child Ready To Read® workshops have been completed. The next phase of the grant includes a series of statewide roundtables designed to give participating library staff members an opportunity to share their progress. The roundtables will also be a chance for those who were unable to attend training to hear several firsthand stories about other libraries' successes and plans to strengthen their early literacy efforts. Additionally, the roundtables will offer guidance to best utilize the ECRR kits and Storytimes books and promote the ECRR program.

Roundtables have already taken place in ILF Districts 4 and 6. The following sessions are scheduled for 2008 from 1-3:30 p.m. (local time) at the following libraries:

District 3 – 2/11/08 Allen County Public Library
District 1 – 3/5/08 Newton County Public Library
District 8 – 3/17/08 Anderson Public Library
District 7 – 4/9/08 Ohio Township Public Library

District 5 – 2/25/08 Owen County Public Library
District 2 – 3/10/08 Kokomo-Howard County Public Library
District 1 – 4/1/08 St. Joseph County Public Library

You may register one month before each session at: <http://evanced.info/indiana/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR 2008 BEST BOOKS OF INDIANA COMPETITION

The Indiana Center for the Book invites entries for the fourth annual Best Books of Indiana competition. This state book contest is open to books with original publication in 2007 and written either by an Indiana author or with an Indiana theme. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2008.

Categories for this year's competition include fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children/young adult. To enter, send a completed entry form and five (5) non-returnable copies of the book to the Indiana Center for the Book, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Entry forms and competition guidelines are available at www.library.IN.gov. Interested persons may also contact the Indiana Center for the Book by e-mail at icb@library.IN.gov, or by phone at (317) 234-5067.

LDO WINTER: NEWS & NOTES

BOOKKEEPING AND ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHOP RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

The Bookkeeping and Annual Report Workshop presented December 11th & 13th by the Indiana State Library is now available online at <http://in.webjunction.org/do/Home>. The workshop is divided into four parts. The program self-starts, or you may scroll through the presentation on your own. Additionally, the handouts used in the workshop and the evaluation are available at: <http://www.in.gov/library/2917.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding these resources, please contact Wendy Knapp at: wknapp@library.in.gov.

DIVERSITY INITIATIVES UPDATE

With the diversity gap in Indiana libraries in mind, the Indiana State Library established a Diversity Initiatives Taskforce to address the issue. The group, representing school, public, academic, and special libraries and library education, met four times, with the first meeting on June 11, 2007. An update on activities was shared during the Annual ILF Conference on November 15th.

One of the priority areas listed for concern was increasing the number of credentialed librarians from racial and ethnic minorities; however, funding to support the individuals in their pursuit of the credentials was seen as a barrier to that goal.

To help with the pursuit of those credentials, the State Library decided to apply for the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant. A survey was developed that was completed online by 164 individuals. Results were included in the grant application that was submitted December 17th. IMLS will announce the 21st Century Librarian grantees by June 30, 2008.

In the meantime, the taskforce has agreed to continue meeting to help develop plans for implementing the grant as well as pursue next steps for consideration. There is strong interest in establishing library internships for Bachelor's degree candidates. If you have an interest in work-

ing with the taskforce, the next meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2008, from 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. at the Indiana State Library.

Please visit WebJunction Indiana to view past taskforce minutes and for more information about the Diversity Taskforce.

For more information, contact Marcia Smith-Woodard, Special Services Consultant, at (317) 232-3719; (800) 451-6028; or mwoodard@library.in.gov.

OPEN SOURCE INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM INITIATIVE SEEKING NEW PARTNERS

If your library is considering changing your Integrated Library System (ILS) within the next three years, the Indiana State Library and the Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library (Zionsville) invite you to join us in investigating the feasibility of adopting an open source ILS for Indiana libraries. We are currently embarking on a statewide initiative, piloted by Hussey Mayfield, to develop an effective open source ILS solution for Indiana libraries that will operate somewhat like the model currently being used by most public libraries in the State of Georgia called "Evergreen."

Evergreen was developed using open source software by the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS). Software development on the open source ILS began in June 2004, and on September 5, 2006 all Georgia PINES libraries migrated to Evergreen. It debuted with Online Catalog, Circulation, Cataloging, and Reports. All transactions, customer records, and online catalog records were migrated from the former system. Evergreen is an enterprise-class library automation system that helps library patrons find library materials, and helps libraries manage, catalog, and circulate those materials, no matter how large or complex the libraries.

The State Library will make available LSTA funding to launch and sustain this statewide initiative. Indiana libraries of all types and sizes are encouraged to investigate the benefits of open source ILS' and apply for grants.

For more information about the State Library's open source ILS initiative and corresponding LSTA grants, contact the Library Development Office.

NEW RESOURCES:

Robin Berghart	Sudden Selector's Guide to Business Resources. Z675.B8 B47 2007
Adrian Brown	Archiving Websites: A Practical Guide for Information Management Professionals. Z692.C65 B76 2006
Meredith G. Farkas	Social Software in Libraries: Building Collaboration, Communication, and Community Online. Z674.75.I58 F37 2007
Warren Graham	Black Belt Librarians: Every Librarian's Real World Guide to a Safer Workplace. Z679.6.G73 2006
Richard C. McCarthy	Managing Your Library Construction Project: A Step-By-Step Guide. Z679.2.U54 M33 2007
Sharon Chickering Moller	Library Service to Spanish Speaking Patrons: A Practical Guide. Z711.8.M65 2001
Gwen Moran	The Business Case for Diversity. 5 th Edition. HF5549.5.M5 B874 2006
Eli Neiburger	Gamers in the Library? The Why, What, and How of Videogame Tournaments for All Ages. GV1469.3.N45 2007
Rob Reid	Something Musical Happened at the Library: Adding Song and Dance to Children's Story Programs. Z718.1.R345 2007
Tim Wadham	Libros Esenciales: Building, Marketing, and Programming a Core Collection of Spanish Language Children's Materials. Z688.S68 W33 2007
Rebecca A. Watson- Boone	A Good Match: Library Career Opportunities for Graduates of Liberal Arts Colleges. Z682.2.U5 W38 2007
Marguerite Crowley Weibel	Adult Learners Welcome Here: A Handbook for Librarians and Literacy Teachers. Z716.45.W43 2007
	Writing the Winning Grant Proposal. HG177.5.U6 w75 2006

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